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NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports as follows: Week ended October 8, 1905: Present officially estimated population, 3,500; number of deaths, 7; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and dysentery; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Oct. 2	Bluefields.....	Mobile	25	0	0	
8	Dictator.....	do	20	0	0	

Mobile quarantine board withdraws medical inspectors from steamships.

October 10, 1905. The Mobile quarantine board has withdrawn marine medical inspectors from the steamships plying between Bluefields and Mobile. The steamship *Dictator*, which entered here on the 5th instant, was the first vessel to arrive without a medical officer.

In a cable received yesterday, the 9th instant, the agent of the steamship company is authorized to allow passengers to embark for Mobile, provided these shall arrive at their destination after October 15.

The steamship *Corinto*, sailing to-morrow, will be the first ship to carry passengers since August 7 last. This vessel will have 9 cabin passengers, 4 of whom are on a round trip, with special permission from the Mobile quarantine board to land here while their ship is in port. To these 4 I shall not issue certificates for the reason that they will not have complied, when the steamer sails, with the service regulations which require passengers to report to the service officer 5 days prior to embarkation. I shall make note to that effect on the bill of health.

PANAMA.

Report from Colon—Inspection of vessel—Precautionary detention of steamship Preston—Temperatures taken on vessels of the Panama Railway Steamship Line—Quarantine against Colon removed by Island of Jamaica—Quarantine against ports in Panama continued by Costa Rica.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, October 4, as follows:

During the week ended September 30, 1905, the following vessel cleared for a port in the United States and was granted a bill of health: "American steamship *Advance* for New York, September 27, with 62 crew and 100 passengers."

The Norwegian steamship *Preston*, which arrived at this port on September 30, with 24 passengers on board, was placed in precautionary quarantine by the Isthmian quarantine service. After allowing a deck load of mules to be landed the vessel was fumigated in midstream. On the following day the passengers were taken off and sent to the detention house at Panama to be held for 5 days. The vessel was then allowed to come alongside the dock to discharge cargo.

Although no cases of yellow fever have been reported in Colon since August 26, and none in Panama since September 20, and a clean bill of health has been issued at this port, the practice of taking tempera-